other work which may be notified by the Central Government in consultation with the State Government.

(b) and (c) NREGA provides for enhancement of livelihood security to those households whose members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Skilled jobs are not covered under NREGA.

Use of heavy machines for NREG works

1781. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have detected that heavy machines like Proclines and Cranes are used in NREG works, instead of manual labour; and

(b) if so, what steps did Government initiate to curb and prevent such practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Act provides (Schedule 1 paragraph 12) that as far as practicable, a task funded under the scheme shall be performed by using manual labour and not machines. States have been advised to ensure compliance.

New proposal for Darjeeling hilly area under PMGSY

†1782. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any new proposal for Darjeeling hilly areas of West Bengal under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the agencies which have been entrusted with the work of repair under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for hilly areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No, Sir. No new

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.